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SUBJECT: PPOG

REF: (A) STATE 216169 (NOTAL; (B) SAIGON 19086

(C) VIENTIANE 7637; (D) SAIGON 19428

1. SINCE SOME US SPONSORED PSYOPS DISCUSSED REFTELS REQUIRE UTILIZATION OF ASSETS OR BASES IN THAILAND, WE APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT IN FORMATIVE STAGES. RTG INSISTS ON BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED ON US OPERATIONS FROM THAILAND AFFECTING INDOCHINA; FOLLOWING RECENT CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT HERE IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE FAITH AND CLEAR WITH RTG ANY NEW OPERATIONS, INCLUDING PROPAGANDA SUPPORT.

2. THAI LAW PLACES STRICT LIMITS ON INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF RADIO TRANSMITTERS. WE WOULD EXPECT DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING RTG CONCURRENCE IN REINTRODUCING US MILITARY TRANSMITTER FOR PSYOPS PROGRAMMING AGAINST NORTH VIETNAMESE. (REF B AND C). WE DO NOT BELIEVE RTG WOULD CONCUR IN ANY NEW BLACK RADIO OPERATION. FRANK APPROACH TRANS-

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MITTER HAS BEEN DISMANTLED AND MOVED TO PORT FOR SHIP-

MENT; IF WE WERE TO GET PERMISSION TO REINSTALL IT OR ANOTHER TRANSMITTER, WE MUST BE PREPARED TO TURN IT OVER TO THE RTG WHEN WE ARE THROUGH WITH IT IN THAILAND.

3. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEM IN SETTING UP PRINTING PLANT FOR RAPID RESPONSE LEAFLETS TO BE USED BY GKR, AS SUGGESTED BY RECENT CINCPAC STAFF VISITORS, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PREFER GKR MAKE INITIAL REQUEST.

4. IN VIEW SENSITIVITY OF RTG TO PUBLICITY REGARDING US FORCES IN THAILAND, AND OTHER POLITICAL FACTORS AFFECTING FORCE LEVELS, WE DO NOT CONSIDER SUBJECT SHOULD BE USED FOR US-SPONSORED PROPAGANDA EXPLOITATION IN INDOCHINA.

5. GIVEN BANGKOK'S CENTRAL LOCATION, EMBASSY/USIS WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST NEXT PPOG-SYTE REGIONAL PSYOPS CONFERENCE IF AND WHEN SEA MISSIONS AGREE ON NEED FOR SUCH GET-TOGETHER (REF C AND D.).
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